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SUBJECT: MRS. GANDHI'S STOPOVER IN OMAN

1. COMMENTING ON PRIME MINISTER GANDHI'S 90-MINUTE SOJOURN IN MUSCAT ON JULY 7, INDIAN AMBASSADOR SINGH TELLS US NO RPT NO SPECIAL POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE READ INTO WHAT WAS REALLY NOTHING BUT A TECHNICAL AIRCRAFT STOP FOR FUEL. (PRIMIN'S UPU WAS ENROUTE FROM KABUL TO DELHI BY CIRCUITOUS ROUTE AROUND PAKISTAN) SINGH SAID OMANGOV DECISION TO ACCORD RATHER SPECIAL PROTOCOL TREATMENT TO PM'S AIRPORT STOPOVER WAS GENEROUS GESTURE MADE BECAUSE OF CLOSE RELATIONS LONG EXISTING BETWEEN OMAN AND INDIA.

2. WITH SULTAN QABOOS ABROAD, MRS. GANDHI'S RECEPTION WAS HEADED BY SAYYID THUWAINI BIN SHIHAB, WHO IS GOVERNOR OF CAPITAL. HE SELDOM IF EVER GETS INTO POLICY MATTERS AND DOUBTLESS DID NOT DO SO THIS TIME EITHER. MRS. GANDHI'S BRIEF STAY WAS TAKEN UP MAINLY BY HELICOPTER FLIGHT OVER MUSCAT AND OTHER PARTS OF OMAN'S CAPITAL AREA.
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